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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: Multilayer, Co-Extruded, Ionomeric Decorative Surfacing

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Currently with the submission of a Request for Continued Examination, applicants bring to the attention of the US Patent and Trademark Office the accompanying IDS and submit amended claims beginning at page 2. A REMARKS section follows the amendment.

Applicants' intent is to recite a claim that comprises two layers where the first layer consisting essentially of ionomer and an additive and the second layer consisting of an ionomer and additive.

Amended claim 1 now calls for the limitation that the film or sheet in amended claim 1 must be thermoformed. The limitation is extensively disclosed in applicants' specification and is recited in the original claims 27 and 33. Though some films or sheet can be technically thermoformable, the references of record do not suggest that an ionomer/ionomer film or sheet, as recited in claim 1 can be thermoformable or is thermoformed.